

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

House agreed to the conference report to accompany H.R. 3183, Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2010.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9993–S10078

Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1735–1748, S.J. Res. 20, S. Res. 297–300, and S. Con. Res. 42–43.

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Measures Reported:

Report to accompany S. 327, to amend the Violence Against Women Act of 1994 and the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to improve assistance to domestic and sexual violence victims and provide for technical corrections. (S. Rept. No. 111–85)

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Measures Passed:

Acceptance of Helen Keller Statue: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 42, providing for the acceptance of a statue of Helen Keller, presented by the people of Alabama.

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Authorizing Use of Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 43, authorizing the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for the presentation of the Congressional Gold Medal to former Senator Edward Brooke.

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Filipino American History Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 298, recognizing Filipino American History Month in October 2009.

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National Infant Mortality Awareness Month: Senate agreed to S. Res. 299, expressing support for the goals and ideals of National Infant Mortality Awareness Month 2009.

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Fire Prevention Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 300, supporting the goals and ideals of Fire Prevention Week and the work of firefighters in educating and protecting the communities of this Nation.

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Measures Considered:

Department of Defense Appropriations Act—Agreement: Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3326, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010, taking action on the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Kaufman Modified Amendment No. 2578, to provide for the continuing support of certain civilian-military training for civilians deploying to Afghanistan.

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By 60 yeas to 39 nays (Vote No. 304), Levin Amendment No. 2593, relating to hearings on the strategy and resources of the United States with respect to Afghanistan and Pakistan.

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Shelby Amendment No. 2594, to require reports on certain elements of the ballistic missile defense system.

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Brownback Amendment No. 2598, to acknowledge a long history of official depredations and ill-conceived policies by the Federal government regarding Indian Tribes and offer an apology to all Native Peoples on behalf of the United States.

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Inouye (for Byrd) Amendment No. 2571, to require a report on the use by the Department of Defense of live primates in training programs relating to chemical and biological agents.

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Chambliss Modified Amendment No. 2621, to express the Sense of the Senate on Joint STARS re-engineering.

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Coburn Amendment No. 2563, to require public disclosure of certain reports.

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Franken Amendment No. 2588, to prohibit the use of funds for any Federal contract with Halliburton Company, KBR, Inc., any of their subsidiaries or affiliates, or any other contracting party if such contractor or a subcontractor at any tier under such contract requires that employees or independent contractors sign mandatory arbitration clauses regarding certain claims. **Pages S10027, S10028**

Sanders Amendment No. 2617, to require a report on Federal contracting fraud.

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Sanders Amendment No. 2559, to make available from Research, Development, Test, and Evaluation, Army \$12,000,000 for the peer-reviewed Gulf War Illness Research Program of the Army.

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Inouye (for Reid/Ensign) Modified Amendment No. 2562, to express the sense of Congress, and to require a report, on expanding the mission of the Nevada Test Site.

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Inouye (for Kyl) Amendment No. 2568, to make available from amounts available for the Office of the Secretary of Defense \$250,000 for the declassification of the 2001 nuclear posture review.

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Inouye (for Nelson (NE)) Amendment No. 2614, to make available from Operation and Maintenance, Defense-Wide, \$15,000,000 for implementation of the Military and Overseas Voter Empowerment Act.

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Inouye (for Hagan) Amendment No. 2615, to provide that none of the funds appropriated or otherwise made available by this Act may be used to dispose of claims filed regarding water contamination at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, until the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) fully completes all current, ongoing epidemiological and water modeling studies.

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Casey Modified Amendment No. 2592, to ensure that work under contracts under the Logistics Civil Augmentation Program complies with certain standards.

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Rejected:

By 40 yeas to 59 nays (Vote No. 305), McCain Amendment No. 2575, to provide for testimony before Congress on the additional forces and resources required to meet United States objectives with respect to Afghanistan and Pakistan.

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Withdrawn:

Coburn Amendment No. 2569, to restore \$294,000,000 for the Armed Forces to prepare for and conduct combat operations by accounting for the August 2009 Congressional Budget Office economic assumptions and by reducing funding for congress-

sionally directed spending items for low-priority research and development projects.

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Chambliss/Kyl Amendment No. 2608, to appropriate an additional \$900,000,000 for the Afghanistan Security Forces Fund.

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Pending:

Coburn Amendment No. 2565, to ensure transparency and accountability by providing that each member of Congress and the Secretary of Defense has the ability to review \$1,500,000,000 in taxpayer funds allocated to the National Guard and Reserve components of the Armed Forces.

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Barrasso Amendment No. 2567, to prohibit the use of funds for the Center on Climate Change and National Security of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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Franken (for Bond/Leahy) Amendment No. 2596, to limit the early retirement of tactical aircraft.

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Franken (for Coburn) Amendment No. 2585, to restore certain funds for the Armed Forces to prepare for and conduct combat operations by accounting for the August 2009 Congressional Budget Office economic assumptions and by reducing funding for congressionally directed spending items for low-priority research and development projects.

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Franken (for Coburn) Amendment No. 2566, to restore \$166,000,000 for the Armed Forces to prepare for and conduct combat operations, by eliminating low-priority congressionally directed spending items for all operations and maintenance accounts.

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Sanders/Dorgan Amendment No. 2601, to make available from Overseas Contingency Operations \$20,000,000 for outreach and reintegration services under the Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program.

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Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 2616, Relating to the two-stage ground-based interceptor missile.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that when the Senate resumes consideration of the bill on Tuesday, October 6, 2009, that the following list of first-degree amendments be the only amendments remaining in order to the bill, other than any other pending amendments, if not listed, and the committee substitute amendment; that no second-degree amendment or side-by-side amendment be in order to any of the listed amendments, except Barrasso Amendment No. 2567 (listed above); Franken (for Bond/Leahy) Amendment No. 2596 (listed Above); Coburn Amendment No. 2565 (listed above); Franken (for Coburn) Amendment No. 2566

(listed above); Sanders/Dorgan Amendment No. 2601 (listed above); Inhofe Amendment No. 2618; McCain Amendment No. 2580; McCain Amendment No. 2584; McCain Amendment No. 2560, with an Inouye side-by-side amendment in order and would be voted prior to the vote in relation to the McCain Amendment No. 2560; McCain Amendment No. 2583; Lieberman Modified Amendment No. 2616 (listed above); that it be in order for the managers to offer a managers amendment that has been cleared by the managers and the two Leaders, and that if offered, the amendment be considered and agreed to; that in the case in which the managers are agreeable with a modification of a listed amendment, then the amendment be so modified with the changes agreed upon; that upon disposition of the listed amendments, the committee reported substitute, as amended, be agreed to; and vote on passage of the bill, as amended; that upon passage, the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses, and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees on the part of the Senate, with the Subcommittee appointed as conferees; provided further that if a point of order is raised and sustained against the substitute amendment, then it be in order for a new substitute to be offered, minus the offending provision; that the new substitute be considered and agreed to; no further amendments be in order, with provisions in this agreement listed after adoption of the original substitute amendment remaining in effect; that the vote sequence with respect to the listed amendment be entered later and that the only debate time remaining be two minutes, equally divided in the usual form, prior to each vote and that in any sequenced votes, the vote be limited to ten minutes each after the first vote, further that the cloture motions be withdrawn. **Page S10054**

Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 4:00 p.m., Monday, October 5, 2009, Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2847, the Commerce, Justice Appropriations Act; that once the bill is reported, there be debate only, with no amendments in order except the committee reported substitute. **Page S10054**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Christine H. Fox, of Virginia, to be Director of Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, Department of Defense.

Roszell Hunter, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Export-Import Bank of

the United States for a term expiring January 20, 2013.

Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for the remainder of the term expiring December 31, 2009.

Mark R. Rosekind, of California, to be a Member of the National Transportation Safety Board for a term expiring December 31, 2014.

Paul K. Martin, of Maryland, to be Inspector General, National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

Carolyn W. Colvin, of Maryland, to be Deputy Commissioner of Social Security for the term expiring January 19, 2013.

Sara Manzano-Diaz, of Pennsylvania, to be Director of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor.

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—305) **Pages S10025, S10027**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9 p.m., until 2 p.m. on Monday, October 5, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10078.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Finance: Committee continued consideration of an original bill entitled, "America's Healthy Future Act of 2009", but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to the call and will meet again on Friday, October 2, 2009.